

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
January 6, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following
Commission Members Present: Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Linda Kahle, Sherry Monesmith, Selena Vonderheide, Beth Seidl, Kyle Rupert and Darla Blazey. **Commission Members Absent:** Becky Hickman: **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, Emily Colucci and Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Renée Kabrick **Guests in attendance:** Mayor Terry Seitz, Herald Reporter Candy Neal, WITZ News Director Jim O'Neal and Steve Messmer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike Jones introduced Darla Blazey as a new board member and welcomed her to the board.

Mike Jones asked the Nominating committee for recommendations for officers and opened the floor for nominations. Robin Norris reported the slate of officers recommended by the committee: Mike Jones as President; Gary Moeller as Vice-President and Linda Kahle as Secretary. **Robin Norris** moved to nominate the slate of officers as presented. **Sherri Monesmith** seconded. Mike Jones asked for additional nominations. No additional nominations offered. **Gary Moeller** moved to close the nominations. **Beth Seidl** seconded. After no further discussion, both motions passed 10-0.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Thyen moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

City Financial Statement

Selena Vonderheide moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

No Public business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- December was a busy month. Some of the events were: Mark O'Connor, VAC reception, Holy Family and Precious Blood Christmas Program and *Girls on the Run* rental.
- January will be busy as well with performances by Nashville Backstage, The 3 Painters and Tomas Kubinek.
- Kit asked the board to approve Doreen Lechner's conflict of interest statement to direct ACT's winter production. **Gary Moeller** moved to approve the conflict of interest statement. **Linda Kahle** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

No report.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- The December Canvas and Cabernet class was a success.
- The Education Committee is working on programming for next year.

- Donna will be attending the Kennedy Center Partnership Conference in February along with GJCS partner, Leah Jesse, and VUJC partner, Jessica DeLorenzo.

Visual Arts Report

Emily reported.

- The Canvas and Cabernet class was a huge success. It was sold out. Good feedback was received from participants.
- The new Gallery exhibit this month features artists Robert Gorder and Bill Whorrall. The reception is this Thursday. Both artists will be attending.
- The call for artists for 2016 gallery exhibits is out. The deadline is March 13, 2015.
- The winter class schedule is available.

Project Coordinator Report

Corina reported.

- Corina requested permission to hold a 40th anniversary event at the Dubois County Museum with a cover band, appetizers, desserts, drinks and a fine arts auction. The money raised will benefit the building fund. **Robin Norris** moved to allow the JAC to hold the event. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.
- Chalk Walk planning will begin at the end of the month. The date of the Chalk Walk this year is June 6, 2015.

Old Business

- Selena Vonderheide reported Next Act continues to meet weekly. They are still in the initial fundraising phase of their plan to purchase the Astra.

New Business

- Mike Jones asked the Mayor to say a few words regarding the Hoosier Desk property. The Mayor reported a tour was taken in December with Library Board members, JCAC members and City Staff. The Library Board is interested in investigating the feasibility and costs of renovating the space into useable space for the Library and/or possibly sharing the space with the Arts Center. The Mayor also reported a private developer may be interested in the upper floors of the building for apartment space.
- Mike Jones asked board members to check the board member information for accuracy.
- Mike Jones reported Linda Kahle will be attending the January Common Council meeting and Gary Moeller will be attending in February.
- It was decided that, after the regularly scheduled February meeting, the board will move to the Hoosier Desk building for a walk through since not all Board Members have seen the space.

Adjournment

Sherry Monesmith moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Mike Jones

Attested